

TOWN OF TRURO  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2006

The Truro Board of Selectmen met for their weekly session on Tuesday, December 19, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Road, Truro. In attendance were: Chairman Alfred Gaechter, Vice-Chairman Gary Palmer, Clerk Christopher R. Lucy, Curtis Hartman, Jan Worthington, Town Administrator Pamela Nolan, Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree, Assistant Town Administrator Charleen Greenhalgh, Planning Board members Bill Worthington, Bob Weinstein, Ansel Chaplin, Bill Golden and Karen Snow, Beach Commission members Dick Seed, Susanne Grout Thomas and Gerald Kinahan, Frank Thomas, Rex McKinsey, Susan Kadar, and Derek Burritt of the Banner.

Mr. Gaechter convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Minutes:** **Mr. Hartman moved to approve the minutes of the regular session of December 12, 2006 as presented. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 3-0-2, with Ms. Worthington and Mr. Palmer abstaining due to their absence.**

**Public Comment:** none.

**Planning Board:** The Planning Board presented their draft Affordable Housing bylaw. Mr. Weinstein explained that a subcommittee worked on this. Ms. Greenhalgh provided them with documents from seven other towns in Barnstable County. These were reviewed by the subcommittee, and a working document was prepared; Wellfleet's bylaw was particularly helpful. The working document was brought to the full Board, and they worked together to come up with the draft document brought before the BOS tonight. He stressed that it is not perfect, and needs fine tuning. Affordable Housing is a pressing issue Cape-wide. Each Selectman in turn commented on the bylaw and got answers from the Planning Board to their questions. All the Selectmen were impressed with the work of the Planning Board. Mr. Gaechter requested that they keep the BOS informed of their public hearing schedule, and recommended that the Planning Board meet jointly with the Housing Authority prior to holding them.

**Cape Light Compact competitive electric supply agreement:** Mr. Worthington explained that the Cape Light Compact has extended its agreement with Consolidated Edison Solutions, Inc. Although towns will not enjoy the same amount of savings, they feel towns will still save money. **Mr. Palmer moved to approve the agreement with the Cape Light Compact at \$0.11301 per kilowatt hour and authorize the Chair to sign it. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

**Beach Commission:** Mr. Seed lead the discussion on the Beach Commission's recommendations to the Board:

1. Expand parking space at Coast Guard, Longnook and Ballston beaches by negotiating with the NPS for ½ acre parcels. Recommend that the BOS request Special Use Permits from the NPS while these land negotiations are in process. Ms. Nolan said that the Superintendent has told her they want to wait until their feasibility study is complete. Mr. Gaechter said they could set up the committee they had discussed forming; that would not have to wait for the study to be complete. Ms. Grout Thomas spoke to the need for Special Use Permits in the interim of the study and during the land swap process, which can be quite a long process.

2. Handicapped access at ocean beaches: Mr. Seed told the Board that they have not found a method to provide access on the ocean beaches. Permanent structures are not practical and mechanical devises are expensive and a liability issue. The Commission would like to expand the rope/rail system it used at Head of the Meadow this year to Coast Guard. The town uses an easement for access at Ballston, so that may not be possible there. The property owner must be consulted. Mr. Gaechter said Ms. Nolan should talk with Ms. Costa and Mr. Morris about using this method at Ballston and Cold Storage beaches as well.

3. Fees: The Commission recommends raising the resident sticker fee from \$10.00 to \$20.00, and charging a Beach Fire Permit fee of \$5.00, with no fee for residents with a valid beach parking sticker. Ms. Worthington was opposed to raising the fee, and did not want to see a fee for beach fire permits. There was discussion on whether the fees needed to be raised to keep up with the cost of operating the beach--not just the direct costs, but the indirect costs. Mr. Gaechter noted that the BOS needs to schedule a public hearing on the beach fees. Mr. Hartman said the Commission should get the cost figures before the hearing. Ms. Nolan will get them from the Town Accountant. Mr. Gaechter told her to put this on the agenda in January for discussion, and to schedule the public hearing in February.

4. Water service: Investigate the feasibility of a water supply at Head of the Meadow to provide showers, possibly with a permanent facility. The Board thought this was worth pursuing. Ms. Nolan is to cost it out and talk with Mr. Morris.

**Estuarine Water Quality Monitoring Project grant application:** Provincetown Harbor Master Rex McKinsey explained this was a grant that they had applied for before and did not get. He has rewritten this grant to include water quality monitoring of Truro's Pamet River system and the East Harbor Lagoon, as well as Provincetown's Harbor and Hatches Harbor. Truro doesn't have to provide matching funds. He will need a letter of support from the BOS. Mr. Palmer noted that Truro needs data on East Harbor, and the Pamet studies they have are acceptable as an in-kind contribution. The Board agreed they should support this. **Mr. Palmer moved to proceed with a letter of endorsement of the Estuarine Water Quality Monitoring Project put forward by Provincetown, Truro, and the NPS. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

**Conservation Restriction for Poor's Hill:** Mr. Gaechter turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Palmer; Mr. Gaechter and Mr. Hartman recused themselves. Mr. Palmer asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, he asked for a motion. **Ms. Worthington moved to grant and approve the Conservation Restriction for Poors Hill to the Trustees of the Truro Conservation Trust. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.**

**Annual Liquor Licenses:** Ms. DuPree informed the Board that four businesses in town have filed their renewal applications for annual liquor licenses. Truro Sea Grill did not; they plan to apply for a seasonal license. She recommended that the Board approve the renewal of license for Pamet Valley, Inc., d/b/a The Blacksmith Shop Restaurant, Baddocs, Inc., d/b/a Montano's Restaurant, Pamet Valley Package Store, Inc, and Hathaway Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Dutra's Market. **Mr. Palmer moved to approve. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

**Resignation:** **Mr. Gaechter moved to accept with regret the resignation from the Tercentennial Celebration received from Moniz Rose and that a letter of thanks be sent to him.**

**Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

**Letter of support:** Ms. Nolan has drafted a letter to the CCNS supporting Provincetown's stand on the dune shack report. **Mr. Gaechter moved to approve the letter and authorize the Chair to sign it. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

**Animal Control Officer Agreement with Wellfleet:** Ms. Nolan added the clause about Wellfleet's paying the benefits for the position. Truro will provide the vehicle and the maintenance of it. The two towns will split the cost of fuel. She asked that they approve it and authorize her to sign it. **Mr. Gaechter moved to approve the agreement and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign it on behalf of the Town of Truro. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

**Town Administrator's Report: (action items)**

- Reported on her meeting with Natural Heritage. She was given the impression that because the Community Center project was caught between the two MESA maps, they may be gentle on us. The box turtle is their concern. We will have to move the septic system; it may go under the parking lot. We will have to enclose the construction area with a silt fence; a biologist will first sweep the area for turtles, and then close the entire area off. They want us to plant the area with natural habitat when the project is completed. They want us to survey the property, set a boundary for the project and stay within it, leaving the remaining trees alone. Mr. Palmer said that the town should not have to pay for engineers to redraw plans because they were not complete plans in the first place and that is why we have to move the septic now.

**Selectmen/Liaison Reports: (action items)**

**Hartman: -Moved to appoint Cynthia Slade and David Foster to serve on the Taxation Aide Committee. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

**Ms. Worthington moved to adjourn, with Mr. Hartman seconding. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

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Gary Palmer, Vice-Chairman

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Christopher R. Lucy, Clerk

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Curtis Hartman

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Janet W. Worthington  
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